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SUBJ: DIALOGUE WITH EC PRESIDENCY--JANUARY 19-20 POLITICAL DIRECTORS
MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG--NAMIBIA

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1. MFA OFFICIAL GAVE CHARGE A CORRECTION ON INFORMATION
PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH THREE REFTEL. IN CONVERSATION ON
NAMIBIA LATE JANUARY 20, POLITICAL DIRECTORS HAD SECOND
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THOUGHTS ABOUT HOW TO PRESENT COMMUNITY POSITION AT UN SECURITY

COUNCIL DEBATE AND DECIDED TO POSTPONE DECISION UNTIL THEY HAVE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE NINE'S PERM REPS IN NEW YORK.

2. AS THINGS NOW STAND, THERE IS AN AGREEMENT ON EC POSITION TOWARDS SOUTH AFRICA'S PRESENCE IN NAMIBIA AS REPORTED PARAGRAPH TWO REFTEL. THIS POSITION WILL BE CONVEYED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA IN THE NEAR FUTURE. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT CLEAR HOW THE NINE'S POSITION WILL BE ARTICULATED AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL. IF IT IS DECIDED THAT FRANCE, ITALY OR THE U.K. SHOULD NOT SPEAK IN THE NAME OF THE NINE, ANOTHER WAY WILL BE FOUND TO CONVEY THE POSITION, PERHAPS BY MEANS OF THE EC PRESIDENCY INFORMING THE UN SECRETARY GENERAL OR IN SOME OTHER WAY.

3. COMMENT: THE PROBLEM OF POSSIBLE ECONOMIC SANCTIONS COMING UP AT SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE APPARENTLY DICTATED THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS CHANGE OF HEART. MFA SOURCE SAID IT BECAME OBVIOUS IN THE DISCUSSION THAT WHILE FRANCE AND THE U.K. ARE PREPARED TO SUPPORT THE NINE'S MORAL AND POLITICAL STANCE ON NAMIBIA, THEY WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY OPPOSE APPLYING CHAPTER 7 SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA SHOULD THAT PROPOSAL BE MADE DURING SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE, AS IS CONSIDERED LIKELY. SINCE DIVISION EXISTS AMONG THE NINE ON THIS ISSUE, THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS QUESTION WHETHER FRANCE OR THE U.K. SHOULD SPEAK FOR THE NINE ON ANY ASPECT OF THE PROBLEM DURING THE DEBATE. THEY WILL BE GUIDED TO SOME EXTENT BY THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PERM REPS, BUT AS OF NOW, IT APPEARS UNLIKELY THAT THE NINE WILL SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL.
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